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THEY GO WITH A RUSH!

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE helped us to move our stock the last two weeks. No such gigantic **COST SALE** has ever been attempted in South Carolina. The people of Newberry and surrounding country are taking advantage of this **COST SALE**. Owing to my enormous Stock I am compelled to make room for Fall Goods as I intend to set before the public the biggest Stock of Merchandise ever brought into the Old Town and I am going to do exactly what I did this Spring sell them for less than my would be competitors can buy them. Now gather up your spare money and take advantage of this Sale. The big stock must be converted into cash--let them bring what they may to go on sale Tomorrow morning.

2 cases 36 in. Percales, the regular 10c. kind only 5c. yard.
100 pcs. Colored Organdies, not a yard in the lot that's not worth 10c. and 12 1-2c. piled on a big table, your choice for 5c. yard.
5 bales Sea Island worth 6 1-4c. for this sale 3 7-8c.
25 pcs. Cottonades, the kind the people are going wild over, the 20c. quality now only 8 1-3c.

Two large wagon loads of Newberry Mills Unbleached 40 in. Sheeting, every yard the Mill had in short lengths to go on sale only 5c. yard.
50 doz. Ladies' Hose, regular price 10c. now 5c. pair.
50 doz. Men's Half Hose, Black, Tan, Red and Blue regular price 10c. now 5c. pair.
50 gross Pearl Buttons, the 10c. kind now only 5c. doz.

3 cases Andoscoggin Bleach Cloth 36 in. wide 15 yards for only 99c.

MILLINERY! MILLINERY!

My entire line of Millinery to be closed out at fifty cents on the dollar. Any reasonable offer on any article in the house will be accepted.

IT IS MY AIM

That when I have been in midst the length of time of some of my would be competitors the old brick and mortar of the present store which is the largest in the town will be given away to larger and more modern quarters. My motto: "Progress" knock out high prices and placing first-class Merchandise within the reach of all.

ALL JOIN THE CROWDS. MIMNAUGH'S, The Cheapest Store in the Carolinas. MIMNAUGH'S,

ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

LEGISLATURE ASKED TO ENACT NEW AND BETTER LAWS.

Report of the Special Committee of the State Board of Equalization Which Will be Presented to the General Assembly.

[News and Courier.]

Columbia, August 1.—At last night's session of the State Board of Equalization a resolution was adopted authorizing a special committee to prepare a memorial to present to the general assembly, looking to new and better laws upon the assessment of property in the State.

The committee this morning prepared its report, which in time will be presented to the general assembly. It will be interesting to note what this special committee suggests ought to be done to begin the work of securing a more equitable system of taxation in the State and to get additional property on the tax books. The report of the committee ought to be well considered by the members who will serve in the next body, and it is not a bit too soon for them to begin to work and inquire into the matter. The report reads as follows:

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: Whereas, grave irregularities exist in the value of all classes of property throughout the State, which inequality a majority of the State board considered it impossible to correct or even modify under existing law; and whereas, said inequalities leave real estate of certain counties of the State assessed at from 5 to 50 per centum above that of other counties; and whereas, personal property generally is believed to be assessed at about 60 per cent. of its market value, except as to the matter of merchandise, which upon reliable information presented to the board appears to be assessed at from 35 per cent. to 5 per cent. of its market value; and whereas, it is believed that just and equitable amendments to the existing tax laws will alleviate, if not correct, existing defects:

CHANGES SUGGESTED.

Therefore be it resolved by the State Board of Equalization, now in session at Columbia, S. C., That we memorialize your honorable body and ask that the following changes be made in the tax laws of this State to the end that the burdens of taxation

may fall with more uniformity upon all classes of property, and that a true value of all property may be obtained.

1. We recommend that provision be made for a meeting of the State Board of Equalization in the month of November or December of each year, at which time the said board shall fix a schedule of values for all property in the State and send a copy of said schedule with instructions to the auditor, who shall at once convene the county board of equalization, and the said county boards shall under the provision of such schedule prepare suitable instructions and send to each member of the township boards, who shall assess the property in their respective townships in accordance therewith.

MORE WORK FOR COUNTY AUDITORS.

2. We recommend that the county auditor in making his annual assessments of property may have authority to summon his township board of assessors to sit with him for such time as is necessary to take the returns of the entire township, and when the return is taken that it be passed to the township board, who shall immediately proceed to pass publicly upon the values and items of said return as fixed by the individual returning; that the comptroller General prepare books for each county of the State, to be known as township tax lists, indexed to contain the returns itemized in the form of the county auditor's duplicate; that during the period of taking returns the auditor be allowed the assistance of a clerk at a reasonable salary, who, as each assessment is made and passed on by the board, shall proceed to enter the same in its proper place in said township's tax list and when all persons meeting the auditor shall have assessed their property, that said board then proceed to assess such as have not appeared, adding to their returns 10 per cent for failure to return, unless good cause for absence shall be shown; that in taking returns the auditor, his clerk or a member of the board shall administer to the individual making the return, the oath prescribed by law in the same manner as witnesses are sworn in the Circuit Court; that the assessor, with the assistance of the auditor and his clerk, shall aggregate and balance the township list; this book shall be retained by the chairman of the board of as-

sessors, who shall produce the same at the meeting of the county board of equalization; that all persons assessed in their absence shall be notified by the auditor of the items assessed and amount of such assessment, the date of meeting of county board, so that he may appeal thereto. All persons making return of property for taxation, whose return in the aggregate is increased, shall have the right of appeal to the county board of equalization.

ON STOCKS OF GOODS.

3d. That at the time fixed for the return of other property for taxation each merchant shall submit to the board of assessors a statement showing the stock of goods, etc., he had on hand January 1 of that year, as shown by the inventory taken, and the same shall be taken as the true value of his stock of goods: Provided, that if the assessors, from any cause, doubt the correctness of such statement, they may adopt such measures as they deem proper to determine the matter.

4th. That as real estate is constantly fluctuating in value, often increasing 100 per cent. during the four years for which its assessment is now fixed under the law, we recommend that there be an assessment of real estate every year.

W. W. Bradley, J. L. Quinby, R. G. Hill, D. W. Willis, D. A. Geer, H. J. McLaurin, Committee.

JOHNSTONE SCORES ON LATIMER.

Has the Crowd With Him at Laurens. Hemphill Attacks Lien Law.

Laurens, July 31.—The Senatorial meeting was held here to day in a grove just beyond the Atlantic Coast Line track, in the presence of about five hundred people.

It was what may be emphatically called a "monkeying," either on the part of the candidates or audience. The race is now to the swift alone and the fellow who spends his time allotted to him in making so called academic speeches, relying on doggers and letters, with which the mails are now being flooded, to do the real work, is waking up to the fact that he is being outstripped in the race. Among the incidents of the meeting today was the innovation made by Mr. Hemphill in attacking the lien law, purely a State measure, denouncing it as wrong and working an injury to the agriculturists. When

Mr. W. L. Gray, a prominent lien merchant, made him admit that, while he was in the legislature, he introduced no bill for its repeal, he said that he supported bills looking to its repeal introduced by other members.

Another incident was Col. Johnstone's characterization of Mr. Latimer's policy of getting all the money possible out of the treasury by affiliating with Republicans as being the same policy adopted by McLaurin, and declaring that if this be the only incentive to action on the part of our representatives we would fare better by electing a straightout Republican than by electing a Democrat whose hopelessness is so great that he thought he could best accomplish his mission by failing to antagonize the Republican name.

In referring to Mr. Latimer's boast about what he had accomplished in Congress Col. Johnstone, with withering sarcasm, turned to him and said: "It is said that the inhabitants of the Chinese Empire and the American Indians bury with their dead some slight element of human food, in order that on the resurrection morn the departed shall not awake to hunger and fatigue. Exclaims my amicable friend from Anderson: 'Shades of McDuffie, of Hayne and Calhoun, to thee I, thy successor, come to thee, I come, oh mighty dead, bringing to thee my contribution of nutgrass roots and pumpkin seeds.'"

The audience got up on its hind legs and simply howled. Mr. Henderson and Col. Elliott seemed to have caught the inspiration today and both made excellent speeches.

Latimer was entirely on the defensive and stuck to his "business policy."

F. P. Cooper.

JUDGE MELVER BETTER.

Condition of South Carolina's Chief Justice Improved.

(News and Courier.)

Cheraw, Aug. 2.—A letter received today from Chief Justice Mclver gives pleasing intelligence to relatives and friends. The letter is from the distinguished patient, who says the physicians pronounce his condition improved and more favorable. It also says that Judge Mclver is feeling better and regards his condition as an improvement, with hope for a continuance of these favorable conditions.

EARTHQUAKE IN CALIFORNIA

THE VALLEY OF LOS ALAMOS BECOMES A HILLY COUNTRY.

The Transformation Takes Place in a Single Night as the Result of Severe and Continuous Seismic Shocks.—The Earth Opens in Great Fissures, and Knolls and Hills Arise from the Plain—No Loss of Life Is Reported, the People Being Warned by Previous Shocks.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., August 2.—A strip of country fifteen miles long by four miles wide, rent with gaping fissures and dotted with hills, by knolls that sprung up during the night as if by magic, a village in ruins and hundreds of people fleeing for their lives, are the results of last Thursday night's seismic disturbance in the valley of Los Alamos, in the northern part of Santa Barbara county. During the last four days that section of the country has been shaken by a series of earthquakes that is without precedent in the history or tradition of the Pacific coast, and the continuance of the disturbances and the increasing severity of the shocks have so terrorized the inhabitants that they are leaving for other parts as rapidly as possible, and even now the village is almost entirely deserted.

BEGAN ON SUNDAY EVENING.

The disturbance began on Sunday evening preceding with a shock, which caused several thousand dollars worth of damage to property in the village and the surrounding country, being more severe and disastrous in the vicinity of the Western Union Oil Company's oil wells on the Carraiga ranch. This shock was followed by a number of disturbances less severe and less destructive, continuing through the remainder of Sunday night and Monday.

PEOPLE FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.

With the first warning sound of the approaching disaster the terror-stricken people rushed into the streets and sought places of safety in vacant lots and roads, while many fled toward the neighboring hills. The first vibrations were similar to the preceding disturbance in direction and effect, but they were immediately followed by the most terrific shock ever experienced in this section of the State.

A NIGHT OF TERROR.

The earth trembled and rolled and twisted until it was impossible for people to stand erect, and the terror-

stricken inhabitants crouched together in the darkness, fearful that the earth beneath them might open and swallow them. The terror inspired by the rumbling and trembling of the earth was increased by the sound of falling buildings, which gave some idea of the terrible destruction that was being wrought. When the most serious shocks had passed and the rumbling sounds had died away the people gathered in groups about the ruins of their homes and places of business, and when they saw the extent of the damage many of them, fearful of a repetition of this experience, immediately started on foot or by any conveyance that could be had for places where the previous shocks had been less severe.

DESTRUCTION OF THE VILLAGE.

In the darkness of the night it was impossible to determine the full extent of the damage wrought, but with the dawn of day the stricken village had the appearance of the ruins of a city long deserted. A church had been levelled to the ground and not one brick building was left standing. Chimneys had toppled over, frame buildings had been wrenched apart and thrown from their foundations, telegraph and telephone wires had been broken, and there was not a building in town that had not been damaged more or less seriously. In store buildings that were not totally destroyed the merchandise was thrown from the shelves and everything breakable was destroyed; not a pane of glass was left in any window in town, and in those frame cottages and dwellings that were left standing, safes were overturned and crockery and glassware were destroyed. A conservative estimate of the loss to property in the village is \$30,000 and this amount probably will be greatly increased by the damage in the surrounding country.

EXTENT OF THE EARTHQUAKE.

The extent of the most severe portion of the disturbance is eleven miles long by four miles wide, but the shock was felt throughout Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. At the Western Union oil wells, on the Carraiga ranch, two tanks were wrecked and much other damage done. The disturbances continued through the day at intervals of two hours, but none of the shocks was severe. The people have deserted the village, every conveyance has

been taken, and the passenger and freight trains that have left here since the severe shock of last night have been loaded with people fleeing for safety. Since the first disturbances on Sunday night there have been more than seventy distinct shocks, and those who have been keeping records have now given it up, as the disturbances have become almost continuous.

SAYS DEMOCRATS WILL WIN.

Representative Pou of North Carolina Confident of Success.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Representative Pou of North Carolina, who is regarded by his Democratic colleagues in the House as being one of the very best informed men, not only on North Carolina, but on National politics also, is confident of the election of a Democratic House next November, and thinks the majority will be amply large for all practical purposes. If the Republican party, he says, have no better claims for the election of a Republican House than they have for the claims that they will re-elect even the two members from North Carolina they now have, then the House will be overwhelmingly Democratic. North Carolina, says Mr. Pou, will contribute to the election of a Democratic Speaker by sending a solid Democratic delegation.

Mr. Pou says that the people of his State are united and are confident of their ability to elect a Legislature this year, which will insure the election of a Democratic Senator to fill the seat now held by Senator Pritchard. Many names for the Senatorship are mentioned, but all members of the party are now working in the interest of a Democratic Congress, rather than in the interest of individuals.

A Pair of Socks

A bachelor, says an exchange, bought a pair of socks and found attached to one of them a paper with these words: "I'm a young lady of twenty and would like to correspond with a view to matrimony." Name and address were given. The bachelor wrote and in a few days got this letter: "Mama was married twenty years ago. The merchant from whom you bought those socks evidently did not advertise or he would have sold them before. My mother handed me your letter and said possible I might suit you. I am eighteen."